

VILATE MCMILLAN

Vilate McMillan was born October 20, 1892 to William and Annie Coleman McMillan. She was their seventh child.

When she was six years old, she broke her leg while watching the wool sacks come into the yard for storage. A log from the gate rolled on her ankle. Dr. Aird was the doctor and did an excellent service taking care of the broken bones. At this time her father was serving a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Scotland.

Vilate attended grade school in the old Central School building before it burned down. Her first grade teacher was Millie Witt. She attended high school on the second floor of the old Heber Mercantile and the new high school that Mark Jeffs built.

Vilate was a saleslady for the Heber Mercantile and a telephone operator at night for two years. The manager at that time was Mr. Henroid, with the office on the second floor of the old Bank Building.

(West side corner of Center and Main Streets) She was also a salesclerk for Shanhart Christensen, a large store in Logan, Utah, and for the Helen Cox Shop in Salt Lake City.

In 1921 she and Frankie Clift purchased the Margaret Burns

Millinery Shop. Vilate bought out Frankie a year later and owned and operated The Vilate's Apparel Shop for fifty years. She retired at age seventy-seven in 1971.

Vilate was the first president of the Business and Professional Club, about 1924. She was extremely active in civic affairs, especially the Wasatch County Fair. She built many floats from scratch for the parades. She also served in the Art and Domestic divisions of the fair and was a member of the parade committee. She was secretary and treasurer of the Wasatch County Red Cross when it was organized in World War I and was affiliated with this organization for thirty-four years. She was also secretary and treasurer of the Polio Foundation for eleven years. She presented many fashion shows to raise money for the Polio Fund.

Vilate received the "Good Citizen" award from the Chamber of Commerce and a gift from K.S.L. on Heber City Day in 1964. She was honored as "Marshal of the Day" during Wasatch County Fair Days and rode at the head of the parade in 1984.

Vilate loved the work that she did and the people she served for so long. She is a member of the L.D.S. Church. *p. 358*

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Vilate McMillan, 95, died April 21, 1988, in a Heber City hospital.

Born Oct. 20, 1892 in Heber City to William and Annie Coleman McMillan.

Survived by many nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters: William McMillan, George McMillan, Daniel McMillan, Carl McMillan, Elizabeth Jaspersen, Annie Fisher, Nora Read and Phyllis O'Toole.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Heber 3rd Ward Chapel. Burial in the Heber City Cemetery.